



2025 OVERVIEW



EIDS

Equine Infectious
Disease Surveillance

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About EIDS

EIDS is based at the University of Cambridge and collaborates with equine industry stakeholders to control equine infectious diseases in the UK.

Our dedicated team oversees multiple surveillance schemes, aiding in the identification and reporting of specific infectious disease occurrences.

We provide **free disease control advice services** for veterinary surgeons and actively collate and share information through platforms like the International Collating Centre, EquiFluNet, the Surveillance of Equine Strangles network, and the Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance report.



EIDS supporters

EIDS is supported by multiple Thoroughbred industry partners including the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA).





Safeguarding equine
health with industry
collaboration and data
driven surveillance



EIDS's Mission

EIDS's ongoing commitment to advancing equine health is demonstrated through our multifaceted engagement with the industry, including maintaining global equine disease reporting, fostering collaboration through attending meetings, and sharing timely and relevant insights.

EIDS proactively advises on and oversees equine disease outbreaks, collaborating with industry members, and actively participates in events like the BEVA Congress to extend our reach. This reinforces our commitment to education and expertise-sharing within the equine veterinary industry.

Our frequent publication of articles, including the Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Report, underscores our dedication to knowledge dissemination.



Contact us

EIDS Free Advice Service for UK Vets.
Tailored for vets, our free advice service offers comprehensive disease control guidance

We can help ensure precision in your diagnosis, we can recommend customised outbreak control measures, and expert advice on clearance testing and future preventive measures for owners and premises.

Need assistance? Don't hesitate to get in touch with us via phone or email:



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FREE VETERINARY ADVICE SERVICE

DIAGNOSTIC ADVICE

how to make a diagnosis, the
best samples to take and
tests to run

OUTBREAK CONTROL

tailormade guidance to the
population and premises
set up



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OUTBREAK CLEARANCE

when is it required and when
and how to apply it

FUTURE PREVENTION

what measures to consider
for the owner and premises



vets call us for FREE advice - 01223 766 496





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About our projects

Tell-Tail text alerts



ABOUT

Tell-Tail, the text message alert service for equine infectious diseases is generously provided by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. This service is designed to notify promptly of outbreaks of equine influenza, equine herpes virus-1 pregnancy loss and neurological disease, and exotic notifiable diseases in the UK via text message. Available for UK-based veterinary surgeons and professional horse keepers, this service is offered at no cost.



SUPPORTERS

Boehringer Ingelheim.

SIGN UP

Register for Tell-Tail text alerts [here](#)



The HBLB equine influenza surveillance scheme



ABOUT

The HBLB equine influenza surveillance scheme, tailored to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is aimed at monitoring genetic and antigenic changes in equine influenza viruses. This service offers registered veterinary practices free advice and PCR testing, enhancing rapid communication during outbreaks.

The collected data enables thorough comparison with vaccine strains, playing a crucial role in influencing updates to current strain recommendations.

SUPPORTERS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB).

ENROL YOUR PRACTICE

<https://equinesurveillance.org/flu enrol/>



The International Collating Centre

ABOUT

The International Collating Centre (ICC) has compiled global equine disease outbreak data for over 35 years. Subscribers receive daily email alerts, and a quarterly summary report is available on the website.



**International
Collating Centre**

The ICC gathers information from various sources, including country-based reporting systems where reported outbreaks typically involve at least one case with a confirmed diagnosis through laboratory testing. These outbreaks may be reported by the testing diagnostic laboratory or by vets voluntarily reporting them to disease reporting sources.

SUPPORTERS

The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF), the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), the Japan Racing Association (JRA), and Lanwades Stud.

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Sign up now by emailing equinesurveillance@vet.cam.ac.uk



Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Reports

ABOUT

EIDS produces the equine disease surveillance report. The report gathers national disease data from diagnostic laboratories and veterinary practices across the UK, offering a focused understanding of equine infectious disease occurrences. Given the global movement of horses, international collaboration on infectious disease surveillance is frequent, with both national and international information summarised in the report.



SUPPORTERS

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), each UK devolved government (Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and the British Equestrian Veterinary Association (BEVA).

SIGN UP TO RECIEVE THE REPORTS

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Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs



Surveillance of Equine Strangles



ABOUT

The Surveillance of Equine Strangles network enables the ongoing assessment of the disease's true welfare impact, with data available since 5th January 2015, which highlight trends over time and different geographical areas across the UK. These data are then summarised and available to multiple equine industry partners via an online dashboard (www.equinesurveillance.org/ses).

SUPPORTERS

The Horse Trust and EIDS and it's supporters.



EquiFluNet



equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet



ABOUT

EquiFluNet provides insight into the aggregated and detailed outbreaks of Equine Influenza in the UK and globally. Detailed information is maintained in near real-time with data available from 2019 and with links to historical data going back to 2010. Resources for both veterinarians and horse owners are also provided.

SUPPORTERS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB).

EXPLORE THE DATA

<https://equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet/>



RedWatch



ABOUT

RedWatch is a surveillance initiative focusing on small and large strongyle disease occurrences in the UK. It gathers essential case data, via an online form, to better understand disease patterns and risk factors. Key data collected: vet and case details, diagnostic methods and clinical signs, premises population data and potential risk factors. All data are securely stored and anonymised for public sharing, supporting education, awareness and research.

SUPPORTERS

British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA)



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www.equinesurveillance.org/redwatch



Post-mortem surveillance



ABOUT

EIDS, in collaboration with Dr John Grewar from jData (Pty) Ltd, has recently developed a cloud-based online database to standardise PME surveillance data entry and facilitate streamlined evaluation of trends over time. PME diagnoses are coded based on the VeNom (Veterinary Nomenclature) Coding system (<https://venomcoding.org/>). The new database accommodates multiple diagnoses per case, records the level of certainty of each diagnosis (e.g., suspect or confirmed), and logs the diagnostic methodologies used (e.g. macroscopic, histopathology, and/or additional testing)



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Meet the team

Our team

Dr Richard Newton

BVSc, MSc, PhD, FRCVS

Director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance



After several years as a veterinary surgeon working in general mixed practice, in 1994 Richard joined the Animal Health Trust (AHT), based near Newmarket, Suffolk. At the AHT, as well as gaining an MSc, PhD and FRCVS, he acquired a breadth of experience in the epidemiology, surveillance and control of a range of equine infectious diseases, including influenza, strangles and equine herpesvirus. Richard has been principal investigator or co-applicant on many project grants, linked to non-infectious as well as infectious equine health and welfare topics.

He continues to sit on several equine industry advisory committees including the veterinary committees of both the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board's (HBLB) Codes of Practice sub-committee, the UK Equine Disease Coalition, and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) Veterinary Epidemiology Working Group.



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Our team

Fleur Whitlock

BVetMed (Hons), MSc, MRCVS

Veterinary Surgeon



Fleur qualified from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London in 2012 and following an internship in Dubai, she worked in clinical equine practice in the UK. In 2017 she joined the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team at the Animal Health Trust.

Fleur works closely with vets to aid infectious disease diagnosis, control and prevention. She also assists with the running of surveillance schemes and collation of numerous surveillance reports.

Fleur enjoys promoting equine infectious disease epidemiology and regularly provides lectures and educational material on this topic. Fleur also completed a Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health Masters in 2021 at the RVC.



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Our team

Dr Abigail McGlennon

BSc (Hons), PhD

Veterinary Epidemiologist



Abbi graduated from Nottingham Trent University and joined the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team at the Animal Health Trust in 2017. Abbi is the lead developer of the Surveillance of Equine Strangles (SES) network which collates and reports on UK based laboratory diagnoses of strangles which has been operational from 2018.

Abbi has completed a PhD in veterinary epidemiology based at the Royal Veterinary College examining the epidemiology, transmission and genomics of UK laboratory diagnosed strangles cases between 2015 and 2022.

Abbi continues to lead the SES network whilst supporting other surveillance initiatives within EIDS including the collation of surveillance reports alongside utilising her creativity and interest in scientific communication to create engaging and informative content for multiple industry groups.



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Our team

Maire O'Brien

Secretary



Having spent 16 years working in London and a year working in Australia, Maire moved back to Bury St Edmunds and started working as a temp covering maternity leave at the Animal Health Trust and remained there for 22 years, the last 15 of which were as working as Richard Newton's secretary and admin support to the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team.

Maire is the first point of contact for the Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance team and always happy to help with any enquiries you might have. Maire is involved in the production and circulation of International Collating Centre disease reports, Tell-Tail text alerts and Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Reports.



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EIDS online

Surveillance Hub

Equinesurveillance.org is an extensive online resource providing valuable information and tools for professionals within the equine industry.

The website serves as a centralised hub for the latest developments in equine disease and surveillance and encourages professionals, particularly equine Veterinary surgeons, to sign up and access a wealth of resources aimed at enhancing their knowledge and practice.

Our platform enables users to stay informed about emerging trends, best practices, and crucial updates in equine disease surveillance. By advancing collaboration and knowledge-sharing, we play a pivotal role in promoting a community-driven approach to equine infectious disease surveillance.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance (EIDS) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Surveillance reports, ICC, EquiFluNet, HBLB Flu Scheme, Forms and Resources, Vet CPD, About, News and Updates, and Sign up. The main header features the EIDS logo and the text "EQUINE INFECTIOUS DISEASE SURVEILLANCE". Below this, there is a section titled "EQUINE INFECTIOUS DISEASE HELPLINE" with contact information: "Veterinary epidemiologists at EIDS are able to provide free advice for veterinary surgeons dealing with suspect or confirmed infectious disease occurrences in the UK", a phone number "02323 766496", and an email "equinesurveillance@gmail.com". A list of services includes: "We can help you every step of the way and assist with: - how to make a diagnosis including the best samples to take and tests to run - recommended control measures, tailor made to the population and premises set up - if clearance testing is required and if so what, when and how to apply it - prevention measures to consider in the future to protect the population". The main content area is divided into six sections, each with a logo and a description: 1. "SURVEILLANCE REPORTS" with the text "Quarterly equine disease surveillance reports going back through 2004" and a "Reports" button. 2. "INTERNATIONAL COLLATING CENTRE" with the text "Track international equine infectious disease reports" and an "ICC" button. 3. "EQUIFLUNET" with the text "Statistics of Equine Influenza outbreaks globally" and an "Equiflunet" button. 4. "TELL-TAIL ALERT SERVICE" with the text "Outbreak reports for vets, by text message, supported by Bioehringer Ingelheim" and a "Sign up here" button. 5. "HBLB FLU SCHEME" with the text "Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) funded equine influenza surveillance scheme" and a "Flu Scheme" button. 6. "SURVEILLANCE OF EQUINE STRANGLES" with the text "UK diagnostic laboratory based surveillance network of positive diagnoses of Strangles" and a "Go to website" button.

www.equinesurveillance.org



Facebook:



Instagram:



LinkedIn:



Social Media

EIDS has various social media platforms to enhance awareness and disseminate critical updates within the industry, particularly focusing on disease outbreaks and newsworthy events.

Our Facebook and Instagram pages serve as a central hub for sharing information, engaging with diverse audiences interested in equine infectious disease updates.

Our LinkedIn profile serves as an authoritative source for industry stakeholders seeking in-depth insights.

Together, these platforms collectively play a crucial role in amplifying awareness of EIDS, providing timely disease outbreak alerts, and enabling collaboration among professionals in the equine sector.